

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are an image forming apparatus and an image forming method for, in the halted state where trial copying of one set is completed, determining  
5 whether a mode has been changed, and for automatically changing a numeral accordingly. According to the present invention, an image forming apparatus comprises: an image input device, for entering an image; a storage device, for storing the image; an  
10 image forming unit, for reading the image from the storage unit and for forming the image; and a controller, for providing control for the image forming unit in accordance with a mode set for an image copying process, wherein a function is provided that can set a  
15 trial copying mode for an image forming process and can copy one set when the trial copying mode is effective, and that can thereafter temporarily halt the image forming process and enable a mode reset, and wherein for a copying operation performed after the trial  
20 copying mode is released, a numeral can be set to a predetermined value in accordance with a mode change effected during a halted state existing immediately before the copying.

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